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Re: Docket No. 2009-0049 – In re Amended Application of Wai'ola O Moloka'i, Inc. for Review and Approval of Rate Increases; Revised Rate Schedules; and Revised Rules.

Dear Mr. Nicholas and Ms. Awakuni:

The attached, received by the Commission on August 20, 2009, via e-mail, concerning the above-referenced docket is being forwarded to you pursuant to Hawaii Administrative Rules § 6-61-29(b).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ji Sook Kim".

Ji Sook Kim
Commission Counsel

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Attachment

c: Morihara Lau & Fong LLP



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To <Hawaii.puc@hawaii.gov>,
<consumeradvocate@dcca.hawaii.gov>
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Subject Molokai Ranch water rate increase

BELOW IS A MEMO I EMAILED TO MOLOKAI RANCH YESTERDAY (8/19/09) AND THEY SUGGESTED THAT I EMAIL YOU, SO THAT YOU HAVE OTHER INPUT BESIDES JUST PROTESTING. LET'S PUT THINGS INTO PERSPECTIVE!

THE ACTIVISTS SEEM TO BE ANTI-MOLOKAI RANCH, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE RANCH HAS HELPED MOLOKAI FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, AND THEY HAVE LOST MONEY FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. NOW THAT THEY ARE PRACTICALLY GONE FROM THE ISLAND AND WHAT LITTLE THEY HAVE TO DEAL WITH ON MOLOKAI; CUT THEIR LOSSES AND START MAKING A LITTLE PROFIT – THE PEOPLE DON'T LIKE IT AND PROTEST PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING THE RANCH IS DOING HERE. IT'S NOT FAIR TO THE RANCH TO HAVE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE WATER ON MOLOKAI AT A LOSS.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS

Ms. Hammond:

I received your notice about the upcoming community meeting here on Molokai. As a business woman and a consumer, I have the following input that should be addressed to the community. I cannot attend the meeting, so I thought I'd email my input.

1. Molokai Ranch dug a hole many years ago with the community by offering water at low costs and never increasing over the years. Now, the Ranch is trying to make up for some of the loss and start making a profit. (from a business standpoint, I totally understand).
2. I think the community should show some gratitude for the low/never increased water rates, and stop bickering when the Ranch wants to start making money instead of lose it from now on.
3. Even though I'm not looking forward to another HUGE jump in our business water bill, we all need to put the proposed rate increases into perspective:

Drinking water from the filtering system behind Kamoi Snack-n-Go	\$0.65 / gal
= \$650.00 / 1000 gal	
Drinking water from the grocery store	\$3.00 / gal
+ = \$3,000.00 / 1000 gal	
Gasoline @ 8/19/09	\$3.90 /
gal = \$3,900.00 / 1000 gal	
Dept of Water Supply-water usage K'kai (not incl. sewer chg-add \$14)	
\$16.11 / 1000 gal	
Molokai Ranch rate increase	
\$8.97 / 1000 gal	

So, when you look at it this way, it's not out of the way; the rates just should have been increased every year or so over the MANY past years. So, from this point on (whether rate is approved or not), the Ranch should start increasing rates each year or so, so they don't continue to get even deeper in debt.

Aloha,

Beverly Boyers
Atlas Building Supplies